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three discussions with exhibit artists, Sat., Sept. 23, 1 p.m. (213) 251-0555.

THE PULSE OF L.A.! Group show includes works by Simone Gad, Diane Gamboa, Frank Romero, Rufus Snoddy and others. El Pueblo Gallery, "in the heart of" Olvera Street; thru Oct. 15. (213) 342-9700.

SELECTED PRINTS FROM SELF-HELP GRAPHICS, lithographs, serigraphs, etchings and more by Alfredo De Batuc, Roberto Delgado, Diane Gamboa, Leo Limon, Patssi Valdez and others. Watts Towers Arts Center, 1727 E. 107th St.; thru Oct. 8. (213) 847-4646 or 485-1795. TDD (213) 847-3388.

ALYSSE STEPANIAN, paintings; **CLAY BABCOCK**, mixed-media wall pieces; **ROBERT HOPKINS**, paintings, sculpture and mixed media. Fine Art at Factory Place Gallery, 1308 Factory Place, No. 1-A; thru Oct. 6. (213) 629-9924.

veraCITY In conjunction with LACMA's PLAN show, this group exhibit explores the variety of photography-based documentary work by L.A. artists. Includes conventional photography, plus installations, videos and an artists' book. Presented by the Los Angeles Center for Photographic Studies at the Cal State L.A. Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building, 5151 State University Dr.; thru Oct. 5. (213) 343-4040.

WASHI: Beauty and Function Exhibit shows how the traditional Japanese handmade paper is used in interior design and fine art; **WASHI: Collaborations in Spirit**, works by contemporary American artists. Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St.; thru Oct. 1. (213) 628-2725.

Pasadena, Glendale & Vicinity

Continuing Exhibitions

MARK BECK, new paintings. Mendenhall Gallery, 41 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena; thru Oct. 6. (818) 792-0162.

ERNESTO DE LA LOZA: Violence and Serenity, new paintings by the L.A. muralist. Granados 2 Gallery, 3321 Glendale Blvd., Atwater Village; thru Oct. 14. (213) 662-9930.

DIGITAL MEDIATIONS, group show of computer-based art. Art Center College of Design, 1700 Lida St., Pasadena; thru Oct. 1. (818) 396-2244.

ENZIA FARRELL: Sacred Women, new paintings. Random Gallery, 6040 N. Figueroa St., Highland Park; thru Oct. 14. (213) 550-8000.

LOS ANGELES PRINTMAKING SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITION Brand Library Art Galleries, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale; thru Oct. 24. (818) 548-2051.

MILLENNIUM MINUS FIVE, works by members of the Arroyo Arts Collective; juried by Roland Reiss. Occidental College, Weingart Galleries, 1600 Campus Road, Eagle Rock; thru Sept. 22. (213) 259-2749.

TWO VIEWS OF STILL LIFE, water colors by Sheila Hansberger and Deborah Drew. Margaret Crow Gallery, 18 E. Holly St., Pasadena; thru Oct. 17. Reception Sat., Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m. (818) 583-8363.

WITHIN THE WALLS, group show of paintings, mixed media, works on paper and photography. Tirage Gallery, 804 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada; thru Oct. 14. (818) 952-1028.

San Fernando Valley

Continuing Exhibitions

LINDA KALLAN, paintings and drawings; **DEAN SMITH**, sculpture. Pierce College Art Gallery, 6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills; thru Oct. 21. (818) 347-0551.

KEVIN LYNCH: Expansions, panoramic photographs of the Southwest. Orlando Gallery, 14553 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks; thru Sept. 30. (818) 789-6012.

MAGICAL VISIONS, juried print show featuring members of the Los Angeles Printmaking Society. Lankershim Art Center Gallery, 5108 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hlywd.; thru Oct. 15. (213) 558-0169.

WOMEN PAINTERS WEST: 75th Anniversary Show juried by Lita Albuquerque. Artspace Gallery, 21800 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills; thru Sept. 29. (818) 716-2786.

BEATRICE WOOD: Aphrodisia, drawings and water colors;

WALKING IN BEAUTY: A Photo Documentary of Navajo Culture Reflecting the Native View, photographs by Akiko Arita, shown with comments the subjects made about their images;

RACHEL CLAWSON: Claws on Creatures, ceramic sculpture. Cal State Northridge, Art Dome, Music Lawn 236, 18111 Nordhoff St.; thru Sept. 29. (818) 885-2226.

Westside

Openings

DUNNIGHE SLAWSON, sculpture about "the abuse of nature and the cycles of decay and rebirth." Domestic Setting, 3774 Stewart Ave.; Sept. 23-Oct. 21. Reception Sat., Sept. 23, 2-4 p.m. (310) 397-7884.

BRUCE WALLIN, abstract sculpture and drawings. Domestic Setting, 3221 Sawtelle Blvd., No. 1; Sept. 23-Oct. 21. Reception Sat., Sept. 23, 2-4 p.m. (310) 397-7761.

Continuing Exhibitions

BRENTWOOD ART CENTER FACULTY SHOW 13031 Montana Ave.; thru Sept. 29. (310) 451-5657.

CULTURAL EXCHANGES: Multimedia Work by Artists Frank and Nancy Romero Frank's paintings of his native East L.A. explore its Jewish past; the work of his Jewish, Westside-born wife, Nancy, is inspired by Latino and Indian myths of the Southwest. University of Judaism, Platt Gallery, 15600 Mulholland Dr.; thru Oct. 23. (310) 476-9777, Ext. 276.

WORKS ON PAPER, group show. Mount St. Mary's College, José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery, 21001 Chalon Road; thru Oct. 19. (310) 471-9584.

Santa Monica & Vicinity

Openings

ENCORE MAN RAY! ENCORE OUTERBRIDGE! G. Ray Hawkins Gallery, 908 Colorado Ave.; Sept. 22-Oct. 29. Reception Fri., Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m. (310) 394-5558.

MICHAEL McMILLEN: New Work, paintings, prints, sculpture and an installation; **LYDIA DONA: Occupants Without Surface in the Reflex of Paradox**, new abstract paintings. L.A. Louver, 45 N. Venice Blvd.; Sept. 23-Oct. 21. (310) 822-4955.

CHRIS MADANS: Threshold, assemblages and light boxes. First Independent Gallery, 2022-A Broadway; thru Oct. 14. Reception Fri., Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m. (310) 829-0345.

NANCY MUNTZ: Surface Tension, mixed media. In Collaboration, 1218 Olympic Blvd.; Sept. 22-Oct. 21. Reception Fri., Sept. 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (310) 399-0993.

ANDRAS WANORN: Paintings, Drawings and 1 Sculpture Half a Dozen Rose, 6 Rose Ave., Venice; Sept. 22-Nov. 3. Reception Fri., Sept. 22, 8 p.m.-mid., with musical performance by the artist at 9 p.m. (310) 396-0938.

Continuing Exhibitions

DICK ARENTZ: Recent Panoramic Landscapes Gallery of Contemporary Photography, 2431-B Main St.; thru Oct. 1. (310) 399-4282.

ARTISTS AND THE CHAIR, group show of avant seats by 31 artists and designers. Presented by Santa Monica Place and the Gallery of Functional Art at the Community Focus Gallery, 395 Santa Monica Place, Third St. & Broadway; thru Nov. 1. (310) 394-5451.

ENRIQUE MARTINEZ CELAYA: Lions of Frosting, new paintings. Dorothy Goldeen Gallery, 2224 Main St.; thru Oct. 14. (310) 399-4469.

CARYL DAVIS, new work, including a mud painting and photographic works. Dan Bernier Gallery, 3026½ Nebraska Ave.; thru Oct. 14. (310) 264-4882.

EIGHT ARTISTS, EIGHT VIEWS OF THE FIGURE Theophilus Brown, Lesley Dill, Martha Mayer Erlebacher, Stephen Namara, Edward Schmidt, Joyce Treiman, Kent Twitchell and Pamela Wilson. Koplin Gallery, 1438 Ninth St.; thru Oct. 7. (310) 319-9956.

FACULTY ART SHOW Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.; thru Sept. 23. (310) 452-9231.

CHRIS FINLEY: Proof, TONY FEHER, from New York. Acme, 1800-B Berkeley St.; thru Oct. 7. (310) 264-5818.

VERNON FISHER: The Heart of Darkness, recent works. Mark Moore Gallery, 3032-A Broadway; thru Oct. 14. (310) 453-3031.

FLASHBACK, fluorescent art shown under blacklight. The Drawing Room Studios and Gallery, 1907 Olympic Blvd.; thru Sept. 23. (310) 315-1088.

FROM HERE TO THERE: Tactility and Distraction, group show. California Medical Arts, 1437 Seventh St., Suite 301; thru Oct. 1. (310) 458-8020.

GROUP SHOW, photography, paintings and more by Western artists. Inaugural show of the Bruce Kapson Gallery — Art of the Americas, 1022 Montana Ave.; thru Oct. 20. (310) 274-3587.

ALLEN HARRISON, recent paintings. Tortue Gallery, 2917 Santa Monia Blvd.; thru Oct. 21. (310) 826-8878.

RANDOLPH HOLLAND: Periode 1987-1995 Fand Chuld Contemporary Art, 685 Venice Blvd., Studio 3; thru Sept. 23. (310) 572-9053.

JOY, PEACE AND FRIENDS: Santa Monica Re-Interprets the Holidays, street banners by local artists that were originally displayed in downtown Santa Monica last winter. Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Chamber Gallery, 501 Colorado Ave., Suite 150; thru Nov. 16. (310) 393-9825.

LIGHT-HEADED, group show of neon art. Bookaroo Gallery, 2914 Main St.; thru Sept. 30. (310) 392-7731.

T. KELLY MASON: High Points Drifter Marc Foxx, 3026 Nebraska Ave.; thru Oct. 7. (310) 315-2841.

VALERIE NIELSEN MENDEZ: Structure, paintings; **JOAN HEPPELL VAUPEN: Institutions**, mixed media and paintings. TAG, The Artists' Gallery, 2903 Santa Monica Blvd.; thru Sept. 30. (310) 829-9556.

GREGORY A.J. MILLER: 12:18 p.m. November 22, 1963 William Turner Gallery, 69 & 77 Market St., Venice; thru Nov. 5. (310) 392-8399.

RICHARD OGINZ: Worlds—Bodies—Machines, drawings and sculpture. Crossroads School, San Francis Gallery, 1714 21st St.; thru Sept. 29. (310) 829-7391.

THE PAINTINGS OF ASSANE N'DOYE, recent works on paper and canvas by the Senegalese artist. M. Hanks Gallery, 3008 Main St.; thru Oct. 7. (310) 392-8820.

PRESENCE: Recent Portraits, photographs, paintings, sculpture and drawings by Uta Barth, Catherine Opie, Buzz Spector and others. Angles Gallery, 2230 & 2222 Main St.; thru Sept. 23. (310) 396-5919.

ELLIE RILEY: Moods in Motion, On and Off the Wall, sculpture. Sonce Leroux Gallery, 2018-A Broadway; thru Sept. 30. (310) 453-6488.

KAREN ROARKE: Illumination, new abstract paintings. Ruth Bachofner Gallery, 2046 Broadway; thru Oct. 14. (310) 829-3300.

ARMAND SAIRA: Soulful Munificence: Goddess Aroused, sculpture. Sylvia White, Contemporary Artists' Services, 2022-B Broadway; thru Oct. 7. (310) 828-6200.

CHARLES SPURRIER, JULIAN GOLDWHITE, new work. Christopher Grimes Gallery, 916 Colorado Ave.; thru Oct. 7. (310) 587-3373.

MAGGIE LOWE TENNESEN: Squirt, Ooze & Dribble, mixed-media work in response to the artist's brother's death from AIDS. Hello Artichoke, 3028 Nebraska Ave.; thru Sept. 29. (310) 453-6136.

THOUGHT WORKS @ L.A.: Reflections on a Society in Transition via Explorations Into the Emotional, Psychological and Spiritual Whew! Loyola Marymount University faculty art show. LMU, Laband Art Gallery, Loyola Blvd. & W. 80th St., Westchester; thru Oct. 1. (310) 338-2880.

MASAAKI TOYOOKA: Angels, photographs. Todd Kaplan Gallery, 220 Pier Ave.; thru Oct. 31. (310) 314-8100.

ALISON VAN PELT: Blues, new paintings. Robert Berman Gallery, 2044 Broadway; thru Oct. 12. (310) 315-9506.

Continuing at Bergamot Station

The Bergamot galleries are located at 2525 Michigan Ave.

ALLURE, portrait photography from the golden age of Hollywood. Peter Fetterman Gallery; thru Oct. 28. (310) 453-6463.

SOL AQUINO, paintings. Patricia Correia Gallery; thru Oct. 21. (310) 264-1760.

CARROLL DUNHAM: Selected Drawings and Prints Bobbie Greenfield Gallery; indef. (310) 264-0640.

TIM EBNER, paintings. Rosamund Felsen Gallery; thru Oct. 7. (310) 828-8486.

JOHN GOSSAGE: Opera — Venice/Milan, photographs. Gallery RAM; thru Nov. 10. (310) 453-0043.

SUSAN HARLAN: Layers of Life/Strata Vitae, paintings. Sherry Frumkin Gallery; thru Oct. 14. (310) 453-1850.

LOW END, HIGH ART Exhibition benefits the Children's Institute International. The Colleagues Gallery; thru Oct. 31. (310) 453-7535.

YOLANDE McKAY: Sapsexity, soap paintings. Richard Heller Gallery; thru Oct. 7. (310) 453-9191.

JIM MARSHALL: Chronicles of an Era, rock & roll photography. Art Concepts; thru Nov. 30. (310) 315-9772.

ROBERT OVERBY, works from the early '70s; thru Nov. 4.

SIGMAR POLKE, recent paintings, photographs and water colors; thru Sept. 30. Burnett Miller Gallery. (310) 315-9961.

A PASSION FOR WOOD, furniture by artists. Gallery of Functional Art; thru Nov. 12. (310) 829-6890.

ELSA RADY, porcelain vessels; **JEFFREY YOSHIMINE: Walls** Patricia Faure Gallery; thru Oct. 21. (310) 449-1479.

RICHARD SEDVIY, recent paintings. Hunsaker/Schlesinger Fine Art; thru Oct. 28. (310) 828-1133.

LEONARD URSO: Sculptural Stories, metal sculpture and paintings. Brendan Walter Gallery, 1001 Colorado Ave.; thru Sept. 30. (310) 395-1155.

PAT WHITE, paintings; **JOHN O'REILLY: Still Life Collages 1987-1995** Shoshanis Wayne Gallery; thru Oct. 21. (310) 453-7535.

BRIAN WOOD: MARY-BETH HEFFERMAN: Becoming.

SUSAN SILTON: Self-Portraits Craig Krull Gallery; thru Oct. 14. (310) 828-6410.

BRUCE & NORMAN YONEMOTO: A Matter of Memory, installation. Blum & Poe, 2042 Broadway; thru Oct. 7. (310) 453-8311.

South Bay, Long Beach

Openings

UNOFFICIAL REALITIES, video work by Nancy Buchanan and Carolyn Potter, Jennifer Steinkamp, Hilja Keading and others. Manhattan Friends of the Arts, 811 John St., Manhattan Beach; Sept. 23-Oct. 15. (310) 798-5313.

Continuing Exhibitions

FACULTY SHOW El Camino College Art Gallery, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance; thru Sept. 22. (310) 660-3010.

FOOT IN THE DOOR Open group show. Long Beach Arts, 447 Long Beach Blvd.; thru Oct. 28. Reception Sat., Oct. 7, noon-4 p.m. (310) 435-5995.

GATHERING WHIM, art by adults "working in childlike wonder." ARK Studio & Gallery, 2218 E. Fourth St., Long Beach; thru Sept. 30. (310) 438-3325.

ILEE KAPLAN: Just Beneath the Surface and **CYNDE MILLER: Made in the Lap and Other Works**, prints, constructions and more by two artists who "provide commentary on the human — especially female" condition. Angels Gate Cultural Center, 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro; thru Sept. 24. (310) 519-0936.

—Sharon Bell

READINGS

All events free unless otherwise noted.

WHEN WORDS COLLIDE: The First Annual Long Beach Spoken Word Festival is a series of concerts, open readings and word-related events thru the month of September. This week's schedule: Open reading hosted by **Rainday**, featuring Southland poets **Joy Alamares, Laurel Ann Bogen, Luis Campos** and **Monazur Gamboe**, at Angel's Gate Cultural Center, 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro; Sat., Sept. 23, 4 p.m. **Laurie Anderson** reads excerpts from *The Nerve Bible*, hosted by KCRW's **Uzo Richardson**, at the Long Beach Convention Center's Center Theater, 300 E. Ocean Ave.; Sat., Sept. 23, 8 p.m.; $20. Collective Storytelling, hosted by **Bob Dwillious**, features **Joel Schwartz, Jim Lewis, Audrey Capp, Sybil Desto, Nancy Wood** and **Kristin Hunt**, at Alamitos Branch Library, 1836 E. Third St.; Sun., Sept. 24, 8 p.m. Cal State Long Beach's English Dept. MFA reading featuring **T. Thrasher, Grant Hier, Julienne Andezeda, Raquel Munos, Gerald Locklin, Charles Webb, Rey Zapodo** and **Elliott Fried**, at Mum's Cohiba Rooftop, 144 Pine Ave.; Wed., Sept. 27, 8 p.m. A special reading featuring poets **Dennis Cruz, Reginald Wagstoff, Raquel Ramirez, Steve Abee** and **Lil De La Hare** is followed by an open reading at Coffee Tavern, 539 E. Bixby Road; Thurs., Sept. 28, 8 p.m. For festival info, call the venue or (310) 438-3224; tickets, (213) 466-1767.

INCOMMUNICADO PRESS READING, hosted by editor **Gary "Digger" Hostwit**, featuring Incommunicado's all-star lineup of local writers: **Steve Abee, Dove Alvin, Liz Belle, Iris Berry, Pleasant Gehman, Jimmy Jazz, Nicole Panter**. Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice; Fri., Sept. 22, 8:30 p.m.; $7; $3 students, seniors & BB members. (310) 822-3006.

RICHARD MELTZER reads from *The Night Alone*, which the *Weekly*'s Greg Burk lovingly describes as "an exhaustive experimental dissection of the only subjects that really matter: Richard Meltzer, and Richard Meltzer's dick." Tower Books, 14521 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks; Fri., Sept. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. (818) 789-5009. Also at Vagabond Books (new location), 11706 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood; Sat., Sept. 23, 5 p.m. (310) 475-2700.

JULIA STEIN (*Desert Soldiers, Under the Ladder to Heaven*) and **DAVID OLIVIERA** read poetry. The Herbie Benton Social Club, 1400 N. Vine St., Hlywd.; Fri., Sept. 22, 8:30 & 10 p.m. (213) 466-7601.

MICHAEL C. FORD, L.A. poet, hosts a celebrity reading. Call for lineup. Vagabond Books (new location), 11706 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood; Fri., Sept. 22, 5 p.m. (310) 442-BOOK.

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL EVENTS: Open poetry reading, following featured poet **Kathleen Hetele**, Fri., Sept. 22, 8 p.m., young poets (ages 16 to 20) from Orange County read their work, Sat., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.; erotic reading featuring **Noel Alumit, Nonny De La Pena, Stephanie Han, Reggae Hart, Toni Ann Johnson** and **Larry Tazuma**, Sat., Sept. 23, 10 p.m.; Persian Literary Series presents a bilingual reading featuring short fiction writer, **Bijan Karger-Moqddam**, Tues., Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m. 1318 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica. (310) 393-2923. See Politics for more events.

DUTTON'S BRENTWOOD EVENTS: Kaye Gibbons reads from *Sights Unseen*, Fri., Sept. 22, 7 p.m.; **C.P. Rosenthal** reads from *Elena of the Stars*, Sat., Sept. 23, 2 p.m.; **Jonathan Harr** reads from *A Civil Action*, Tues., Sept. 26, 7 p.m.; **Roderick Thorp** reads from *River*, Wed., Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m.; **Christopher Moore** reads from *Bloodsucking Fiends*, Thurs., Sept. 28, 7 p.m. 11975 San Vicente Blvd. (310) 476-6263.

NOMMO-WORD READING & WRITERS SERIES presents an evening of fiction, poetry and theater from **Lynn Manning** and "a mystery guest." California Coffee House, 4455 Overland Ave., Culver City; Fri., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.; $2. (310) 559-8868.

MARCUS MABRY, *Newsweek*'s correspondent in Paris, discusses and signs *White Bucks and Black-Eye Pass*. Borders, 330 S. La Cienega Blvd.; Sat., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. (310) 659-4045.

BURT WARD signs *Boy Wonder: My Life in Tights*. Super-Crown, 12050 Ventura Blvd., Studio City; Sat., Sept. 23, 2 p.m. (818) 506-5744.

TRIBUTE TO LANGSTON HUGHES, hosted by **Wanda Coleman**, features **Quincy Troupe, Sonia Sanchez, Ishmael Reed** and **Shirley Anne Williams** paying homage to the witty Harlem Renaissance figure who was as controversial within his own community as he was out. Presented by the Poetry Society of America. William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, 2520 Cimarron St., Historic West Adams.

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